



# Ishtar Transition Housing Society

#101-6350-203rd Street, Langley, BC

## TRANSITIONS

Dec '10-04



### Board of Directors

President	Julie Toddington
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Executive Director	Dorothy McKim



*We wish you and your families all the very best of the holiday season and a healthy and Prosperous 2011 from everyone at Ishtar Transition Housing Society.*

### Ishtar Transition Housing Society Services

Ishtar House  
604-530-9442

Libra House  
604-857-5797

Stopping the Violence Counselling  
604-534 -1011

Community Outreach Services  
604-534 -1011

Community Based Victim Services  
604-534 -1011

Children Who Witness Abuse  
604-534 -1011

Volunteer/Donations  
604-534 -1011

### Christmas 2010 at Ishtar



We are excited to be holding our second Annual Christmas Dinner for our clients on December 17th at the Langley Senior's Resource Centre. A full turkey dinner will be served and Santa will again be in attendance. There will be great food, carol singing, crafts, fun and gifts under the 18' tree.

We are still looking for donations of the following:

- ◆ candy canes
- ◆ Japanese oranges
- ◆ wrapped Dad's cookies
- ◆ gifts for children,
- ◆ gifts for Moms
- ◆ gifts for teens (especially needed!)

If you are able to help in anyway or have any questions please contact Debbie at 604-534-1011 or [emaildebbie@ishtarsociety.org](mailto:emaildebbie@ishtarsociety.org).

**Ishtar Transition Housing Society is a non-profit organization committed to preventing, breaking and ending the cycle of abuse.**

## PURPLE LIGHT NIGHTS Report

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who supported this event through the month of October, Domestic Violence Awareness month, by shining a purple light on their porch or business. This was done to

- ◆ remember the victims of domestic violence
- ◆ support those who survived domestic violence
- ◆ bring hope to those who are still living with domestic violence
- ◆ bring a voice to the silent victims of domestic violence and
- ◆ promote the message that

**"Domestic Violence Has NO place in our Community"**



## Candle Light Vigil Report

Thursday November 25th Ishtar Transition Housing Society held its 6th Annual Candle Light Vigil to bring awareness to the *International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women*.

In spite of the terrible weather, with snow and freezing rain, over forty women and men attended the event. Speakers included Dorothy McKim, Executive Director; Julie Toddington, President of the Ishtar Board of Directors; Rich Coleman, Fort Langley-Aldergrove MLA; Mary Polak, Langley MLA; Peter Fassbender, Langley City Mayor; Rick Green, Langley Township Mayor and Diane Warawa who represented her husband Langley MP Mark Warawa. This was followed by a moment of silence to remember and honour victims. On display were 2 red life-sized wooden Silent Witness Silhouettes, each representing a woman who was murdered by a husband, common-law partner, boyfriend or intimate acquaintance. The women represented by these Silhouettes no longer have a voice. Their silence is a powerful reminder to use our voices to bring this issue forward.



## Donation Room

### REGULAR HOURS OF OPERATION

<b>Tuesdays</b>	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
<b>Wednesdays</b>	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
<b>Thursdays</b>	11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please do not leave donations at the door. Call 604-534-1011 prior to your drop off. Please note:

### CHRISTMAS HOURS:

- ◆ Between December 14th and 23rd the Donation Room will only be able to accept new and Christmas gift items.
- ◆ The Donation Room will be closed completely from December 23rd to January 11th.
- ◆ If you have any questions about a drop off please contact Debbie at 604-534-1011 or [debbie@ishtarsociety.org](mailto:debbie@ishtarsociety.org)

## Report on the Spooktacular

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Spooktacular" fundraiser on October 29<sup>th</sup> was a resounding success. Whilst we would have liked to have seen more people at the event, the event was a great deal of fun and provided everyone with a lot of laughs. Our MC Allan Thain kept the event moving and introduced our Ghost Spooker Dr. Laugh (Chris Johnson) who kept us smiling with his anecdotes and jokes.

One of the highlights was the amount of people that put an effort into dressing up and getting into the spirit of the evening. There were many excellent outfits which were judged by the guests present. The first prize went to the Nurse (many men present suggested they were not feeling well and needed attention!) second prize to the Geisha Girl and third prize to Moses.

The Silent Auction contained 33 different items and netted almost \$3,500 with the total event raising approximately \$12,000.00.

The evening was rounded off with the Ray Myers R & B Band which got everyone on their feet and dancing.

Thanks go to Debbie Wood and staff members who volunteered their time to help, their assistance certainly made the tasks easier.

We're already planning next year's event!